

(b) if so, the names of the roads/bridges proposed to be covered and their length;

(c) the names of the financial institutions and the amount of assistance being provided by them;

(d) the time schedule for construction or work of these roads and bridges; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to ensure the completion of construction of work within the schedule time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The details of such State Road projects in Maharashtra along with their length are as under:-

	<i>Name of road</i>	<i>Length (in kms.)</i>
1.	Aabadi-Palghar	69.9
2.	Pune-Ahmednagar	113.0
3.	Ahmednagar-Aurangabad	106.4
4.	Aurangabad-Manthaj	130.7
5.	Akola-Kanhergaon	96.0
6.	Nagpur-Kanpa	70.0
7.	Ahmednagar-Kopargaon	96.0
		682.0

(c) and (d). The World Bank has provided a loan of US \$ 49.7 Million. The time-schedule for completion of these projects under the loan is upto December, 1994.

(e) These roads are State Roads and as such the Government of Maharashtra are essentially concerned with completion of the projects within the time schedule.

Withdrawal of M.V. Nicobar

1688. SHRI MANORANJAN BHARTA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have ordered for withdrawal of M.V. Nicobar, a Passenger-cum-Cargo vessel purchased by

the Andaman and Nicobar Islands for operating from Andaman-Mainland service;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government have received any representation in this regard and

(d) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The passenger-cum-cargo vessel M.V. Nicobar is proposed to be withdrawn from the mainland-Andaman service from April to September 1992 for operating the Haj pilgrimage service.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The vessel M.G. Nicobar is proposed to be deployed for the Haj service during 1992 as it is the only suitable Indian passenger vessel available at present for operating the Haj service. With the withdrawal of this vessel from mainland-Andaman service, it is expected that two vessels M.V. Harshavardhana and M.V. Nacowry (new vessel which is expected to be delivered shortly) will be available for operation on the mainland-Andaman service during April-September 1992. Steps have also been initiated to find long term options for carriage of Haj pilgrims.

Cotton Mills in Orissa

1689. SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cotton mills functioning in Orissa at present;

(b) whether the cotton mills in the State are facing difficulties in getting cotton; and

(c) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Union Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) As per the information available, there were 14 cotton/man-made fibres textile mills (13 spinning and 1 composite) in Orissa as on 31.1.91.

(b) and (c). There is no difficulty regarding availability of cotton. However, some mills are finding it difficult to purchase adequate quantities as prices of cotton has increased during the current year as a result of fall in cotton production due to failure or rains particularly in Central India.

Bank Frauds

1690. SHRI MOHAN SINGH:
SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN:
SHRI RAM TAHAI
CHOUHARY:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of rise in the bank frauds at the end of 1991 as compared to the year 1990, State-wise;

(b) the amount involved in the fraud cases during the above period;

(c) whether the Government have set up any committee to go into the issue in its entirety;

(d) if so, whether the committee has submitted its reports; and

(e) if so, the recommendations of the committee and the Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that the present data maintenance system does not yield State-wise information about number of bank frauds and amount involved therein. RBI has further reported that it has not yet received information about number and amount of frauds detected in commercial banks during October to December 1991. A comparison of bankfrauds at the end of 1990 and 1991 cannot, therefore, be made. However, a comparison of number and amount of frauds for the period January to September, 1990 (1357 frauds involving Rs. 7924.30 lakhs + \$ 7500 + SHS 4597787) and January to September 1991 (1288 frauds involving Rs. 4722.30 lakhs + \$ 8000) shows a declining trend in the number of frauds by 5.08% and in amount by about 40.41%.